the next coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 25]

(c) The units have been advised to take the following steps to improve capacity utilisation:—

(i) Adoption of proper system for preventive maintenance to reduce downtime of the equipments;

(ii) Upgradation of technology;

(iii) Installation of energy saving devices; and

(iv) Setting up of captive power plants to meet part of the power requirements.

(d) The target of cement production for 1988-89 is 43.5 million tonnes which is likely to be realised.

Petrochemical Industries in Private Sector

587. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) The number of petrochemical industries which have been issued with a letter of intent in the private sector during the past two years;

(b) the number of petrochemical industries in the private sector which have converted the letter of intents into industrial licences during the past two years; and

(c) out of the above two categories how many are located in the Southern States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala and how many of them are located in States other than the above four States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Ninety Seven Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of petrochemical industries, in Private Sector, during the past two calendar years.

(b) Thirty Nine Industrial Licences have been granted in the Private Sector, during the past two calendar years.

(c) Location of Twenty-one Petrochemical projects are in the Southern States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala and remaining projects are in other states.

Setting up of Super Thermal Power Station at Talcher

588. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the super thermal power plant is proposed to be set up at Talcher in Orissa during the year 1989-90;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in the setting up of the super thermal power plant at Talcher;

(c) whether the environmental clearance has been obtained; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the steps so far taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The proposal for the establishment of a Super Thermal Power Plant (2X500 MW) at Talcher in Orrisa by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) was approved by the Government in November, 1988. Land acquisition has been taken up and infrastructural development works are also in progress. The contract for the turbine generator package for the project has been awarded by the NTPC.